

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you to DENY the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will increase video and broadband costs for consumers like me.

The combined company will be very large monopoly which will hurt, not help consumers like me. Cable is a lousy picture and a monopoly as well. I already got the local tv stations here in Denver. They have coverage for the whole state.

Broadband access to the Internet is not available to me at this time. If the merger is approved, the new company will be able to provide me with affordable high-speed Internet access via satellite along with the other 40 million American households who do not have affordable high-speed Internet access now.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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